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This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 13 January 1954, the Mudra Kaserne, Riesa, was occupied by about 1,400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and motor transport insignia.

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2. On 13 January, the von-der-Goltz Kaserne was occupied to capacity by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia.

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On 5 January, 8 T-34/85 tanks were seen en route to the installation, coming from Zeithain.

At about 5 p.m. on the same day, JS-1 tanks were seen in front of the main exit of the installation.

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3. On 5 January, 2 SU-172 (PSW) guns and 8 JS-1 tanks were observed in Gehlis, northwest of Zeithain, and about 80 to 85 troops practiced aiming on 12 x 160-mm mortars near Kreinitz. Trucks were seen in the immediate vicinity of the mortar emplacements.

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4. On 7 January, 30 trucks mounting canvas-covered devices, presumably rocket launchers proceeded toward Zeithain, coming from the direction at Oschatz. Neither troops at training nor heavy weapons were seen on the other days of observation between 5 and 13 January. Motor vehicles were seen en route between Zeithain and Riesa during the period under review.

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1. Comment. The information fails to furnish indications for the distribution in the two installations of the units of the 9th Tank Div stationed in Riesa.

2. Comment. the mortars observed in the Zeithain area are rather safely believed to belong to the 9th Tank Div.

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